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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

This response replies to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 15, 2005. The Examiner asserts that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species identified by FIGS. 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D. Applicants provisionally elect the species identified by the Examiner as represented by FIG. 2C for examination on the merits. Applicants assert that claims 1-3, 6-8, 13 and 14 read on this species of the invention, and that claims 1, 6, 7, and 13 are generic.

Applicants are of the opinion that no fee is due as a result of this communication. If, however, any such fee is due, please apply such fees or credits necessary to complete this communication to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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